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ALONG THE SCHOOL BUS ROUTE—Shown above is a typical scene that can be seen these days across the prairies. Here we see the inside of the Clive-Bellevue school bus just before the bus pulled away from the Clive school, near Lacanville, Alta., for its return trip one afternoon recently. The bus route covers a distance of more than 20 miles each school morning and afternoon.

—Photo courtesy of The Lacanville Centre.



READY FOR A DIP—Miami Beach, Fla., publicists claim this picture will make young men go south. But lovely Mildred Duldig doesn't seem particularly interested in that claim as she prepares for a swim and some sun.



WHAT HAPPENED?—Avalanche by the huge heaps of snow that almost cover the entrance to her home, this little girl of Castibonico, Italy, finds the world changed overnight. Eleven lives were lost in the heavy snowstorms that virtually buried the entire village.



ROOT OF THE TROUBLE—These two cornstarch, held by Joyce Chandler, of Columbia, Mo., were taken from fields where the Missouri Farmers Association is conducting experiments in the use of soil conservation. The starch on the left suffered rootworm damage, while the starch on the right, from a row treated with aldrin, had a healthy root system and no rootworm damage.



STRADIVARIUS RECOVERED—Grigor Patiginsky tests his 1712 Stradivarius 'cello which was recently returned to him in New York. The instrument was stolen by the Nazis in Paris in 1942, and was finally recognized as the famous Patiginsky instrument by a 'Violin-maker' in Aachen, Germany, who came upon it accidentally. His mother-in-law, the Baroness Germaine de Rothschild drew her New York from Europe to return it to him.



HAIRIED—Screen actress Martin Momo and former baseball Jos DeMaggio are led through crowd in San Francisco's city hall where they were recently married.



GARAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE—Shown above is a front and rear view of the De Wolf Motors garage at Deer Lodge, Man., which was totally destroyed recently by fire. The cause of the fire was reported to be a spark from an automobile torch igniting inflammable material in the paint shop. The property was valued at \$150,000, and was covered by insurance. The owner, North Star Oil Company are planning to replace the building as soon as possible.

—Photo courtesy of St. James Legion.



TIE SCORE—Sketching the St. Louis Browns baseball franchise to Baltimore caught one St. Louis store with some 15 "Browns" line on hand. The situation was remedied by reducing the price of the tie to nine cents. Above, Miss Ann Richard, a secretary, picks the remaining line for shipment to a newspaper editor for his friends who still remain the late Browns.



JOHNNY BOWER, custodian of the cage for Rangers, boasts his first blunder in National Hockey League action. In photo at the extreme of the lively Chicago's when blunder was made.



300,000th RET SOLD—This year, for the first time in history, the Alberta Government Motor Vehicles Branch sold its 300,000th set of passenger car license plates. In the photo above, M. F. Teller, former Meadow Lake, Sask., resident who has moved to Edmonton, receives the 300,000th license from Hon. G. E. Garbert, Provincial Secretary.

TWO LAKES NAMED FOR FAMOUS BUSH PILOTS—Two northern Alberta lakes have been named after two Alaskan fliers who won renown as flying aces in the First Great War and as bush pilots in the Canadian north in later years.

Lela May and Dickie Lake both in the north-west corner of Alberta, are named after the late Captain Wilfred R. "Wop" May, D.F.C., and G. H. "Punch" Perkins, D.F.C.

What Kind of Bacon Do You Like

When kind of bacon do you like—fat bacon, lean bacon, or known with the fat and lean inter-mixed? Over three thousand visitors to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair chose, from six different samples of bacon on display at the Canadian Department of Agriculture's Bacon Exhibit, those they considered Good, Fair, or Poor, and stated whether they were acceptable or not as bacon they would buy.

The visitors filled in cards recording their preferences, and the Department officials could determine what a national group of Canadian consumers say is the type of bacon they want. Those filling out the cards stated whether they were men, women, or young people. The results of the survey were made known to the three groups, and the results were made known to the three groups.

Results of bacon chosen for the test were a fair range of the side, heavy, commonly called "back fat" bacon, as sold in the retail stores. Side bacon was selected because even in the best of hogs it carries considerable fat as compared with back bacon, which is sold in the retail stores.

Good measurements were made of the amount of lean and fat in each of the samples and the

percentage of lean to fat. The average of the three samples was 40 per cent. of lean, with the sample with the highest percentage of lean to fat was only 30 per cent. of lean. The sample with the lowest percentage of lean to fat was 50 per cent. of lean.

About three-quarters of those filling out cards selected one sample as better than any of the others, and about an equal number selected one sample as more than any of the others. This result was not surprising, as the difference of opinion. Two samples, carrying a high percentage of lean, but not appearing to have the same quality character, were selected highly by some, presumably because of the high percentage of lean, but were declined by or unacceptable by nearly an equal number.

Two samples about midway between the top and bottom in percentage of lean to fat, and in quality character, were selected by a large number of people. The results of the survey were made known to the three groups, and the results were made known to the three groups.



PRAIRIE REGION

Unemployment Insurance Benefits Paid To Claimants Increased, '53

Unemployment insurance benefits paid to claimants in the Prairie Region rose by forty per cent. last year, reaching a new high of \$13,248,441, J. W. Temple, Prairie Region Superintendent of the Unemployment Insurance Commission said recently.

The rise is largely accounted for by an increase in unemployment insurance rates which became effective July 1, 1953. At that time, the top rate rose from \$21.00 to \$24.00 weekly. Other rates contributing to the record total of benefit payments in 1953 include a rise in the rate for insured persons in the Prairie Region, from eight per cent. to a total of 49.17.

The 1953 total was made up of regular benefits of \$13,248,441, and supplementary benefits totaling \$1,044,199. The number of insured persons in the Prairie Region rose eight per cent. to a total of 49,171.

Winkler Farmer Tops Manitoba Beet Growers

ALTONA, Man.—An average sugar beet crop of 16.27 tons per acre from a 16-acre field was won by Winkler farmer, J. W. Temple, who has been one of the best growers of the province. At the Annual Beet Show, held in Winnipeg last month, Winkler was awarded the Grand Cup for the best beet crop in the province. The Winkler farmer has been one of the best growers of the province since 1945. He has won the Grand Cup for the best beet crop in the province in 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 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